

Returned Native Son Relates War Stories

Carrying his right arm stiffly as a result of a bone shattering hail from a Hun sniper's rifle and with the gold stripes indicative of six months' foreign service on his sleeve, William Gill, well-known here as a miner and a native of Tombstone, has returned to the district to visit his mother, a resident of Warren and his uncle, John Twomey.

Gill's account of trench life in France and of the action in which he received his wound, is graphic.

"I left here with the draft of April, 1918, for Camp Funston and there was assigned to Company F, 35th Infantry, 94th division. After a few weeks' training, we went by train to Hoboken and left there on a transport carrying about 5000 of us, soldiers, war workers and nurses. I do not remember the exact date but it was the same day that the German submarines were operating off the New Jersey coast and some twenty odd vessels were sunk. We had an anxious time of it, but our voyage was a quiet one. After 11 days we landed in Liverpool.

"For 12 days we were quartered in England and then were sent to Southampton and crossing the channel landed at La Havre. We had three weeks of intensive training and then were sent to the front in the Toul sector opposite Metz.

"We got a warm reception, as on the second night in the trenches the Germans sent over a mustard gas barrage and about 1100 men in the division including 200 out of our regiment, were so badly gassed that they were put out of action and fully 20 per cent died. Of the men sent to the hospital it was found necessary to operate on quite a few in a manner that will handicap them all their lives in order to save their lives.

"It was early on the morning of August 16 that I was wounded. A lieutenant, two sergeants, two corporals and six privates had been sent out on patrol duty. We were instructed to go through the German wire and if we could not bring back any prisoners to go on into a wood back of their trenches and locate some machine gun nests that had been giving us trouble. "We started out about 2:30 in the morning and reached the German wire only to find that about 40 Germans were out repairing it. We were trying to locate one or two away from the main body to take prisoner and then make a quick dive back to our trenches, when we were discovered. The Germans ran back to their trenches and we started back toward

ours when a German sniper saw us and opened fire. At his third shot he struck me in the right elbow. Then a machine gun from the German trenches opened up on us and fired a number of shots, but I was the only one hit. We got back into the woods where our own trenches were situated and got under cover. They didn't attempt to follow us.

"I was sent to a hospital in the rear of the Toul sector and remained there for several weeks. There was an aviation camp pretty close to us and every night about 12 o'clock German airplanes would fly over and bomb it. They never bombed the hospital but we always were on edge for fear they would try to do it.

"The Germans used to make it mighty uncomfortable for us around meal times by bombarding our kitchens. Several of the fellows sent back after chow were wounded or killed by artillery fire.

"There were several other Bisbee boys in my company. Among them were Dan Angus, John Hinds, a boy named Hobson, whose brother is hoisting engineer at the Sacramento. I understand Mr. Hobson got a telegram today saying his brother, who had been reported missing, was all right and back with his regiment.

"The people in America who gave money to the Red Cross got the worth of their money. That's the greatest organization I know of. It gave mighty fine service to us fellows. Anybody who donated a dollar can know it was put to a good use.

"The Y. M. C. A. at the front is a big frost. Their canteen charged soldiers three prices for everything. Take Bull Durham tobacco; I paid the Y as high as 17 cents for a sack that I could buy at the army commissary at three cents. Personally I heard Y secretaries tell soldiers who were a couple of pennies shy of having the 20 cents they charged for Camel cigarettes, to take their money and go shoot craps until they had made up the difference."

The condition of Gill's arm, while he can bend it only a little, will preclude his returning to his former occupation of mining. Were he able, his old position with the Inspiration company at Miami doubtless would be ready to receive him. However, he declares the intention of waiting until the government is ready to give vocational training to disabled soldiers and then learn how to do something else for which his wounded member would not unfit him.

JOHN R. SILLIMAN IS DEAD AT POST IN GUADALAJARA

(By Review Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—John R. Silliman, United States consul at Guadalajara, who figured prominently as a representative on the American government during the Huerta regime in Mexico, died at Guadalajara yesterday.

Several days ago the vice-consul informed the state department that Mr. Silliman was ill. Today a message from Mrs. Silliman announced her husband's death, the immediate cause being a clot in the heart.

As personal representative of President Wilson after the recall of the American diplomatic representative, Mr. Silliman exercised virtually the powers of an ambassador. He acted vigorously to protect Americans, notably in the case of a woman insulted by Mexican officers. For her he obtained prompt redress. In 1915 he was called to the United States to advise this country during the Niagara Falls conferences on the Mexican situation.

Mr. Silliman was born in Darwin county, Alabama, in 1855. After graduating from Princeton, where he was a classmate of President Wilson, he removed to Texas, and later went to Mexico to engage in farming.

MILWAUKEE MAYOR JEERED OFF STAGE

(By Review Leased Wire)
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 18.—Mayor Daniel W. Hoan was tonight compelled to give place to Gov. E. L. Phillips, who greeted 3000 soldiers and sailors, just returned home from overseas and army camps in a welcome address at the auditorium.

The returning soldiers took exception to Mayor Hoan welcoming their return because he presided at the socialist meeting last Sunday night when some of the speakers used language concerning the war which they resented.

Mayor Hoan issued a statement late today in which he vigorously disapproved doctrines of violence but tonight when he arose to begin his address he was jeered for several minutes. The mayor, without saying a word, then motioned to Governor Phillips, who took the floor and was received with tumultuous applause.

LIBERATED SERBIA IN EXTREME NEED

(By Review Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The official bureau of information of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, made public today a dispatch from Belgrade, giving a picture of the great misery which prevails in liberated Serbia. The dispatch, dated January 14, says in part:

"Belgrade today presents the aspect of a convalescent after a serious illness. The population which before the war numbered 100,000, today is reduced by half. Certain streets and certain quarters are still deserted. A very great number of houses have been destroyed, wholly or in part by the bombardment. There is a want of material to reconstruct them.

"Trade is dealing only in goods of prime necessity. All other merchandise is available in very small quantities. The prices in consequence are extraordinarily high. A suit of clothes costs \$200, a pair of boots \$50, hats \$10 to \$14, shirts \$20, and stockings \$6. In the provinces the state of things is still worse. All the children are anemic and infant mortality is great."

ADMITS SLAYING GIRL

(By Review Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Patrick O'Donnell, of this city, arrested in Yonkers today after he had confessed to the murder of Elizabeth Mary Riddell, a stenographer, in the Borough of Queens Wednesday evening, tonight was lodged in the Jamaica jail. After his confession of the murder O'Donnell's wife said he had been taken ill Tuesday and she had accompanied him to his place of employment here Wednesday night and was with him there at the time the murder was committed. Officials of the company employing O'Donnell said the time clock substantiated her story. O'Donnell is an epileptic, his wife declared.

DRAFT ARGUMENT FATAL

MAQUOKETA, Ia., Jan. 18.—Dennis Flynn was shot, probably fatally, here this afternoon by Ward Turner, during a quarrel in the main street over the draft law. Citizens have been deputized to guard Turner from mob violence.

DELAY DISMANTLING ORDER.

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DENVER, Colo., Jan. 18.—The public utilities commission today granted a 20-day delay on the order permitting dismantling of the Colorado Midland railroad, making it effective February 8 instead of next Monday. In the meantime interests opposed to the dismantling will go to Washington to place their case before the national railroad administration.

Action by the commission followed a stipulation between counsel for opposite sides. Attorney General Victor E. Keyes, telegraphed Congressman Edward T. Taylor at Washington asking that arrangements be made with the railroad commission for presentation of the case with a view to obtaining federal aid so that the road may be continued in operation. Attorney General Keyes and Leroy Williams, chairman of the

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VOTE AGAIN IN MICHIGAN

(By Review Leased Wire)
LANSING, Mich., Jan. 18.—The Michigan legislature must again take up and act upon the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution. In the opinion of Secretary of State Vaughan.

The fault in the prohibition act as passed by the legislature was that to the effect that congress and the several states should have "joint" power to enforce the amendment, and the resolution, as passed by congress, provides that power to enforce the measure should be "concurrent," giving the federal government authority to act in case the state declined.

ARMY OFFICER FREED.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 18.—The acquittal of Capt. Ralph A. Sturgeon of Chattanooga, Tenn., and of Lts. Walter A. Hinman and George T. Gerton, both of Buffalo, N. Y., by a court martial at Camp Wheeler which investigated the killing of "Bud" Richardson, a deserter, was announced today. Richardson was killed in a raid on an illicit distillery.

TO SMOKE IN Y. M. C. A.

(By Review Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Abolition of "no smoking" signs in Y. M. C. A. buildings is suggested in a letter to general secretaries sent out today by Dr. George J. Fisher, head of the physical department of the international committee.

FRANCE ASKS THAT SECRET TREATIES, APPORTIONING TURKEY, BE CARRIED OUT



The Turkish empire, of which only Anatolia will remain if secret treaties are carried out.

France will ask the peace conference to approve, insofar as her rights are concerned, the secret treaties entered into between France, Russia and Britain in 1915, by the terms of which Turkey was apportioned among the three powers. These treaties provided:

- (1) Armenia to be placed under international protection.
- (2) France to get Syria, Lebanon and a strip of Armenia.
- (3) Great Britain to get Mesopotamia.
- (4) Russia to get Constantinople.
- (5) Arabia and El Hejaz to be independent states.

MISSOURI FINAL STATE

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Missouri may be named the 36th state to ratify the prohibition constitutional amendment, an honor now held by Nebraska. Indications are that the Michigan legislature which has been credited with passing the amendment on January 2, 1919—making this state the sixteenth to outlaw drink—must act again on the measure because of a technicality. Missouri, which raced closely with Nebraska to cast the deciding vote, would thus be elevated to the place of honor.

AMBASSADRESS REMOVED.

(By Review Leased Wire)
BERNE, Friday, Jan. 17.—The Hun government has replaced Madame Rosika Schwimmer, ambassadress to Switzerland, whose appointment was only temporary, by Dr. J. Salassi, former Austrian ambassador at Athens, who has been named definitely for the position.

ARREST HUN BOLSHEVISTS.

(By Review Leased Wire)
GENEVA, Jan. 18.—Several German and Russian bolshevists have been arrested by the Lausanne police. It is said they were bearing false passports and were on their way to Paris.

The Gazette of Lausanne says: "The bolshevists under arrest plotted against the lives of Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George. The plot was backed by German gold."

BOLSHEVIKI RETIRING.

(By Review Leased Wire)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—(British Wireless Service).—The Estonian general staff reports that the bolsheviki are rapidly retiring toward Pskov, 100 miles southwest of Petrograd. According to a communication from Reval, the bolsheviki, before giving up Dorpat, Livonia, shot 225 men and 30 women. Among those executed were the chief of police and four Lutheran pastors. The number of persons shot at Wessenberg, Estonia, before the bolsheviki fled, exceeded 170.